IISTROT BROTHERS &

-HOUSTON'S CUT PRICE HOUSE-

GRAND SLAUGHTERING SALE at the opening of the season has never before been heard of in the City of Houston, therefore the critics will have much to say when they read our quotations this week. Many will wonder at the cause of such a sacrifice on popular merchandise at the opening of the season. Some may even the we are getting ready to turn the keys over to the sheriff. But not so; we are recognized the largest operators of Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Millinery and Fancy in the State—shrewd buyers and live disposers. Our immense Jobbing Department in Galveston, the Blum Building, comprising three floors with 300 feet of tage and 125 feet of depth, crowded to its utmost with all kinds of merchandise in our lines, bought under large contracts from first hands, enables us to offer them recognized trade at prices fully as low, and in more large to the same and the sam

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Dressing..... Joeh Brown Sea Island Cotton e Cloth, all colors mard Apron Check Ginghams ... press Ginghams, Standard Cents

dd Colors, Oil Red Prints 5c kind, choice Mumph Percales, new spring designs sinch Soft Finish Bleach Cotton ... nev Dress Ginghams.....

ood quality Mattress Ticking lee quality Cambric Muslin Cents Value 7½c a yard, choice

Woolen Dress Goods.

Sinch Light Weight Half Wool Cheviotine, value 25c This week

Linch Half Wool Novelties, in broken checks, for Suits or Skirts, values / 40c..... Sale price 25C

Sinch High Novelties Cheviot Mixtures, in broken check effects, values 506..... Sale price 39C

We are showing this week an extensive 50C line of High Novelties in All Wool Dress Goods, in fancies and broken checks, for Suits and Separate 1.00 Skirts, at prices ranging from, per yd. 1.00

low Line of Silk Grenadines Just Opened

Mack Silk Brocade Grenadines, value 75c, this week

Mack Silk Brocade Grenadines, value 90c, this week

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Mack Silk Grenadines, Brocaded and Satin

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MODES 1897

Wait for our Spring Opening of High Grade Millinery

Monday and Tuesday, April 5th and 6th,

When we propose to eclipse any of our previous efforts. Among the great attractions at our opening will be found some choice Parisian Hats (our own importation) from the French capital, as well as some from Louise & Co. of Fifth avenue, and S. Koch & Sons of Twensthird street, New York. In connection with the above, our own special patterns, designed by our competent forelady, sime. L. W. Weldon of New York City, all of which will be found the greatest collection of high art that has ever been shown in the city of Houston; and last, but not least, OUR POPULAR LOW PRICES will amply repay those who have waited for our opening, and doubtless make others sorry they did not wait. Remember the days are Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6.



Ladies' Ready Made Department.

50 Dozen Ladies' Fancy Lawn Shirt Waists, value 65c, choice 45c Ladies' Persian Lawn Shirt Waists, fine quality, with White Detachable Collars and Cuffs, value \$1.25, choice 980 We are showing an extensive line of high grade extra fine novel-ties in Washable Shirt Walsts, at \$1.25 to \$2.98 each.



Big Drive in Ladies' **Sweaters**

Ladies' Fancy Striped Sweaters, values \$2; choice \$1 25 Ladies' Fine Wool Fancy Striped Sweaters, values \$3; choice,. \$1 98 Ladies' Skirts.

Ladies' Riack Brocade Grenadine Skiris, fancy interlined, value \$7.50 Saib Price
Ladies' Black Brocade Silk Taffeta and Grea Grain Skiris, value \$7.50 Saie Price.

Ladies' Black Brocade Saits Skiris, Ladies' Black Brocade Grea Grain Skiris, values \$2.50, Sale Price.

5 75 Ladies' Black Brocade Saits Skiris, Ladies' Black Brocade Grea Grain Skiris, values \$10.00, Sale Price.

7 75 Ladies' Black Brocade Saits Skiris, value \$10.00, Sale Price.

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7 75 Ladies' Extra Fine Brocade Satin Skirts, value \$13.75, Sale

Carpet Department. Mattings. Mattings.

100 Rolls Fancy China Matting, 10 cents a yard, \$3.75 a roll. 100 Rolls Extra Quality Jointless Matting, 18 cents a yard, \$6 a roll. 50 Rolls Fancy Inlaid Cotton Warp Matting, 15 cents a yard. \$5 a

100 Rolls Better Quality Inlaid Fancy Cotton Warp Matting, 18

In connection with the above we are showing twenty seven other other styles and grades at Prices ranging from 20 cents to 45 cents a

Lace Curtains.

We have fust received a new line of Lace Curtains bought under the hammer at about 50c on a dollar and offer-150 Pairs White Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, 56 inches wide, a bar-

gain at \$2.50; Sale price \$1.50. 500 Pairs Lace Curtains, large variety of styles and patterns ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.50 a pair, worth fully 50 per cent more than the price we ask for them.

Wash Dress Goods.

Fancy Printed Grenadine Creps, 84 inches wide, light ground, warranted fast colors, value 10c, This week

Glosselle Printed Mulls, elegant Persian designs White Ground Printed Sheer India Linon Fancy Printed Lawns on Grass Linen.

40-inch Printed Irish Lawn Value 10c, choice Fancy Printed Dotted Swiss Organ-

die, fancy and linen grounds...... Fancy Printed Grenadine Lawns Fancy Latticework, Persian Styles, Printed Lawns Solid Colors Fine Plisse Wash Novelties

Values 124c, choice) Elegant Line of Fine Printed Dimities Light and Dark Grounds Fancy Printed Sheer Lawns, large variety of styles Organdie Mulls, Ombre and Persian >

effects White Corded Pique..... Values 15c, choice

Lappett Fancy Printed Dimity 121C Value 20c, choice

40-inch Fine Printed Organdies Values 25c, this week High Novelties in Lace Grenadine Ef-

fect, special 10 yard patterns Fancy Checked and Striped French

Values 50c, this week High Novelties in Satin Striped and 45C

Plaid Organdies.....

Cents

6½C

8½C

10c

Ladies' Silk Waists.

Mail orders will be promptly filled. Express charges prepaid on all purchases of \$5.00 or over.

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bited by Will M. Clemens, list is a summery of the principal receasily delivered in the United of Canada by the leading clergy-sit, prelates, religious teachers control to the Christian faith. In warse the text has been carefully abbreviated.

and and Buddha—Ne good Christin class Jeaus Christ with Buddha stomet, neither will he rank the with the Veda and the Koran.—Rev. Calley, Baptist, Boston, Mass.

HE TOP—The man who says he has the top has not begun. People who lightest think they are lowest, and to the think they are up highest of it—Rev. F. B. Meyer, Evan-tation, Hass.

SHMENT—If I were compiling a left I would define the word "hell" less: "A place of prinishment for sellous sgainst God where they will set physical pain, but moral and left. William J. Reid, Presby-Philipping, Pa.

MANITY—God has made humanity has made the world. As there are seed nature, so there are all phases dist, and they are bound together in alliation of the plan formed by the pay—Rabbi E. G. Hirsch, Hebrow.

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Christians.—Rev. E. Abbott, Eplacopalian, Cambridge, Mass.

PEACE-History and example show that PEACE—History and example show that the nations that succeed best are those which never seek for war, whose people do not prepare great military establishments, but rather desire treaties of amnesty with their neighbors—Rev. E. C. Bolles, Unitheir neighbors.—Rev. Etarian, New York City.

THE AWFUL EQUALITY-Death is THE AWFUL EQUALITY—Death is a socialist. We try to make a difference between the pauper's burial and the great man's funeral, but it can not be done. There are the flowers and the lack of flowers, but there is an awful equality—flowers, but there is an awful equality—flowers. M. W. Reed, Independent, Denver. Colo.

COMPANIONSHIP—Smiles belong to society; laughter is the music of companionship. The presence of those we love is joy; their absence is sorrow. The human heart cries, with Tennyson, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stiff—Rev. Dr. Guilette, Methodist, Cincinnati. Ohio.

OFFICE SEEKING-If there is one OFFICE SERKING—If there is one danger more than another that threatens our country, it is the greed for public office, and it invades all parties. Oh, that a time might come in church and state when the office would seek the man and not the man the office—Rev. W. M. Brodbeck, Methodiat, Charleston, Mass.

GREAT CITIES—Cities are the storm centers of civilization. Heroes and heroines are needed to stand by the guns of
Christianity amid the teeming millions
who are packed at the centers of modern
great cities. Our watchword should be,
"The Cities for Christ."—Rev. W. G. Partridge, Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHRIST'S MISSION—All of us have hanging over us the persence that the soul that sinneth must die. Jesus came to deliver us from that sentence. He came to free us from the miseries of life. When He has delivered us, then we will be ready to enter into the joys of heaven—Rev. T. H. Rice, Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga.

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BUILDERS OF MEN—There are two chasses of people in the world, and really only two. They are the Constructives and Destructives. Some men are builders, others destroyers. This is true not only of great men whose names live in history, but every one of us. One of the uses of great men is to help us to build our own lives.

well.—Rev. Reuben Thomas, Congregation alist, Brookline, Mass.

THE SCRIPTURES. The different parts of the Scriptures were written to suit the understanding of the people of that particular time. God spoke to the fathers through the prophets in divers manners and in divers words, and the whole Revelation had its culmination in Jesus Christ.—Rev. W. H. Faunce, Baptist, New York City.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION-The Bible SCIENCE AND RELIGION—The Bible is infallible and accurate in relation to morality and religion. In relation to science and history it is not. Yet the minute study of the higher brities is tending rather to strengthen than to undermine the authority of the scriptures, and so much criticism should be delcomed.—Rev. W. B. Willard, Congregationalist, St. Paul.

RESPONSIBILITY-God has given RESPONSIBILITY—God has given us each taleuts; he has endowed us with freewills, the freedom which makes us divine. We are free either to assist or defy God. To each of us the spiendid gift of responsibility is given. We may shut our eyes to this responsibility, but we shall be called to a strict account for it.—Rev. F. K. Stone, Catholic, Cambridge, Mass.

THERE IS NO DEATH-Heaven and THERE IS NO DEATH—Heaven and hell are in the soul of man, and wherever he lives in accordance with the law of God, he will find Heaven, and wherever he discheys that law, he will find hell. In the spiritual view death is of no consequence. It has no reslity. God is the God of the living, and not of the dead, for no man can die.—Rev. C. H. Eaton, Universalist, New York City.

MODERN SCIENCE-The truly scientific MODERN SCIENCE—The truly scientific mind is humble and docile, not dogmatic and arrogant; it is always ready to welcome new light. So one may safely put aside the thought that there is any real conflict between the Bible and modern science, and may honor the Holy Scriptures and honor modern science by revering both and by trusting both—Rev. C. C. Hall, Presbyterian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NO HEAVEN OF BLISS-The belief that NO HEAVEN OF BLISS—The belief that death ushers man into an abode of biss is too absurd to be ridiculous. Man makes his own condition wherever he is in the universe. If man desires to end with a perfect embodiment, he must commence by assuming himself to be perfect and hold to it until he becomes transfigured into the new regime.—Rev. F. E. Mason, Christian Scientist, Brooklyn, N. Y.